prosecuting the contrary religion My Lord is of opinion that all religions do grow under persecution , it is truly good doctrine and example that must prevail

$ist January A DECLARATION OF THE SECULAR PRIESTS

Certain of the secular priests have drawn up a declaration giving an assurance of their fidelity to the Queen and her crown They acknowledge the Queen's full sovereignty over them and all her subjects and protest their willingness to obey her as far as ever Christian priests do, as to pay tribute, pray for her life, prosperous reign and final happiness, considering that they have no warrant to disobey her in any civil or temporal matter They protest that they would defend her and the realm against all conspiracies, and would reveal and to their uttermost power resist them If the Pope should excommuni- cate her and her adherents, they and all lay Catholics would defend her notwithstanding and obey her, though some will misconstrue them , they would therefore make known publicly that while yielding Caesar's due unto her, they depart not from their duty to their supreme pastor, but confess him to have St Peter's authority, given by our Saviour's commission, and will obey him as bound by the laws of God, which will stand with performance of their duty to their temporal Prince They would spend their lives in defence of her Majesty, but lose their lives rather than infringe the authority of the Catholic Church

ist February ELEVEN SERGEANTS CALLED

There were eleven Sergeants-at-law called this day The Queen was at first unwilling to choose as many but for the urgency of the Lord Keeper and the Lord Justice, whose

reasons are the age and infirmities of three of the learnedest
judges, namely the two Chief Justices and Justice Walmsley,
who has gout and palsy, the Chief Baron, Baron Clerk and
Justice Clench are to be put on pension, and Justice Fenner
will never run mad with learning There remains only
Justices Gawdy, Kingsmill and Yelverton, the youngest of
whom is 60 years old All these places are to be supplied with
the Serjeants who will be Judges hereafter When the Queen
was moved to have called another to have made up twelve she
refused, saying she feared if there were twelve there would be